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SUBJ: NATO AEW: IMPACT ON NATO AEW OF POSSIBLE
REVISION IN US E-3A FORCE

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1. YOUR FIRST OPTION--FY 1978 REDUCTION OF AIRCRAFT BUY
FROM SIX TO THREE, WITH PROGRAMMED FORCE REMAINING AT
34 (REFTEL, PARA 1A) WOULD AT A MINIMUM PROVOKE A REVIEW
OF CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR NATO AEW. QUESTION CANADIANS
WOULD ASK IS HOW FIRM WOULD PROGRAMMED 34 BE IF WE REDUCE
FIRST YEAR BUY. IF WE ARE ABLE TO GIVE AN IRONCLAD RE-
PLY, I THINK THEY COULD BE BROUGHT ALONG. OTHERWISE
THEY MIGHT OBFUSCATE ON NATO AEW AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS.

2. OPTION OF REDUCING BUY TO 19 WOULD CAUSE CANADIANS
TO REOPEN ENTIRE NATO AND US PROGRAM. ONE OF GOC'S
EARLY OBJECTIONS TO US E-3A PROGRAM WAS THAT SMALLER
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FORCE DEDICATED TO NORAD ROLE WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT
TO FULFILL TOTAL NORAD REQUIREMENTS UNDER INCREASED
THREAT CONDITIONS. CANADIANS ALSO VOICED CONCERN IN
EARLY STAGES OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS OVER PRIORITIES
THAT WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO US E-3A FORCE BY JCS; I.E.,
WITH ONLY 19 AIRCRAFT IN FORCE, HOW MANY WOULD BE
DEDICATED TO NORAD AND HOW MANY WOULD BE INVOLVED IN

PROTECTION OF CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY OR CANADIAN AIR
SPACE. IN MY VIEW, TERMINATION OF PROGRAM AT 19 AIR-
CRAFT WOULD REQUIRE COMPLETE RE-NEGOTIATION WITH CANA-
DIANS ON PARTICIPATION IN BOTH NATO AEW AND US AEW,
WITH OUTCOME UNCERTAIN. AGREEMENT WITH CANADA ON US
AEW PROGRAM HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEEN ACHIEVED AND THIS
AGREEMENT IS BASED ON PLANNED 34 AIRCRAFT PROGRAM.
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